

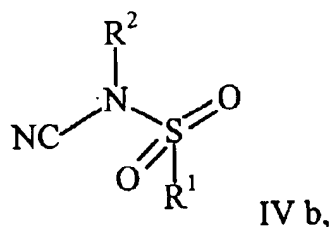
### Amendments To The Claims

This Listing Of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

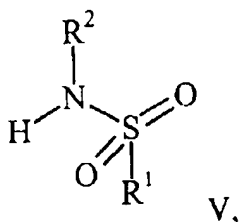
#### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of a N-cyano-N-alkylalkanesulphonamides N-cyano-N-alkyl-alkylalkanesulfonamide of the general formula:

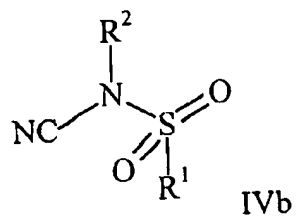


in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each a C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylgroup ~~characterized in that , comprising reacting a cyanogen halide is prepared using and~~ an ~~N-alkyl-~~ alkanesulphonamide N-alkyl-alkanesulfonamide of the general formula



in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> have the above-mentioned meanings, are a C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group, in the presence of a base.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A N-cyano-N-alkylalkanesulfonamide ~~N-~~ Cyano-N-alkylalkanesulphonamides of the general formula:



in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each a C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): *N*-Cyano-*N*-methylmethanesulfonamide

~~*N*-Cyano-*N*-methylmethanesulphonamide.~~

Claims 21 to 23 (Cancelled).